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Fire Update - Rogue River National Forest

Medford Interagency Communication Center: Fire activity on the Rogue River National Forest is subsiding from last weekends lightening strikes. A total of 17 fires were detected on the Forest. Current active fires include three located in the Sky Lakes Wilderness area south of Crater Lake National Park, and the Elkhorn Fire in the Elk Creek Drainage.

Twenty firefighters are walking in to the Sky Lakes fires this morning. All three were last reported at less than 1 acre in size. The Elkhorn Fire is staffed and containment is estimated at 1200 today.

An aerial reconnaissance flight will again fly over the region today looking for additional sleeper fires as a result of the weekend storms.

The Medford Reload Base continues to support two air tankers currently working on the Oregon Department of Forestry's Squire Fire in the Ruch area. Since arriving on Saturday, the air tankers have flown 39 sorties on fires in Jackson and Douglas Counties, applying nearly 87,000 gallons of fire retardant. The two air tankers currently assigned are home based in Klamath Falls, OR and Chico, CA. The Klamath Falls aircraft is a DC-7 capable of delivering 3,000 gallons of retardant in a load, while the Chico aircraft is a P-2 with a 2,000 gallon capacity.